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## Sacramento Gives Generously to Aid Sexual Assault Survivors

National Denim Day and Sexual Assault Awareness Month Recognized by Thousands

Sacramento, CA – Today, CalVCP delivered nearly 700 denim items to WEAVE in Sacramento upon completing a three-week denim drive. The multi-agency denim drive was conducted in recognition of two important observances: National Denim Day and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

National Denim Day has become an international symbol of protest against destructive attitudes about rape and sexual assault. Sexual Assault Awareness Month raises public awareness about sexual violence and educates communities and individuals on prevention.

"When all the donations are sold, we will have raised nearly \$3,500 to benefit local sexual assault and rape survivors. I am overwhelmed at the community's response to join us in this great cause," said California Victim Compensation Program Executive Officer Julie Nauman.

CalVCP is proud to have partnered with the following agencies that stepped up to help collect denim:

- California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)
- California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA)
- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
- California Highway Patrol (CHP)
- California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)
- California State and Consumer Services Agency (SCSA)
- California State Board of Equalization (BOE)
- Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)

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"We wanted to create an opportunity for the community of Sacramento to give in a tangible way to help local survivors. I am pleased to see the community and the employees at CalVCP respond with such generosity," said Nauman.

For additional information about CalVCP, the upcoming events or local crime victim assistance resources, visit www.calvcp.ca.gov.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services may include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation.

Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and federal matching funds.